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BOND ELECTION FOR NEW HIGHWAY

Work of Cleaning Hunter-Scott Will Start Monday

FORBEN READY TO BEGIN OPERATIONS

Mr. Forben, who has taken over the contract to clean the Hunter-Scott well, which was abandoned some months ago, following an effort to shoot the well into production and an expert driller from the fields of Electra and Burk Burnett arrived in the city yesterday to take charge of the work. It is understood that Mr. Forben and associates feel confident that the well, when cleaned of the bridge, will come in a good commercial producer. This opinion is shared by hundreds of citizens who have visited the well since oil was discovered coming through the bridge. While making preparations to remove the casing Mr. Forben discovered the well filling with oil, when he immediately stopped the work on the damaged casing and instituted an investigation, which resulted in finding several hundred feet of high grade oil in the hole. A thorough investigation was then made in the presence of a number of prominent oil men. It is understood that the driller who comes from the Northwest Texas fields, and who is associated with Mr. Forben in the work, has invested in the project and believes that when the Hunter-Scott is cleaned a field that will surprise the oil fraternity will be opened in the section southeast of Decatur, which for many years has attracted the attention of oil men. Work of cleaning the well will start Monday morning, and it is reported that only a short time will be required to complete the well.

BOB PHILLIPS BUYS INTEREST IN SHOP

Robert Phillips has purchased the interest of Pete Hopson in the Luther Below barber shop on the west side of the public square. Mr. Hopson will leave in a few days for Vernon to accept a position. He is a good barber and has given the shaving public good service while barbering in Decatur. Mr. Phillips is one of the best known barbers in the city, having worked here for many years. He is an artist in tonsorial work, and has many friends in Decatur and community.

ELECT PERMANENT REUNION OFFICERS

At a called meeting of the Joe Wheeler park reunion committee, called by Guinn Williams, chairman, and prominent member of the sons of confederate veterans, the organization that has control of the reunion affairs, the following were elected as a permanent committee on reunion celebrations: Guinn Williams, John A. Simmons, W. M. Workman, Dick Collins, John Gentry, Judge W. D. Paschall, Geo. W. Short, Jack Rieger, E. L. Brandenburg. At the next meeting of the committee plans will be made for holding the next reunion, and indications at this time point to one of the largest gatherings ever held in the county. Reports from the committee having in charge the last reunion were read, and it was found that an indebtedness of several hundred dollars had been incurred. With the fund that had been carried over from the 1922 reunion a part of this indebtedness was liquidated. Arrangements for paying off the debt were made. It was decided that preparations for holding the 1924 reunion would be set afoot in time to secure good and wholesome entertainments at a cost that will be reasonable to the reunion committee. It is the intention of the committee to build up the Joe Wheeler Park entertainments, and one of the aims is to make the 1924 reunion one of the best in the state of Texas. With Mr. Gus Pickett at the head of this entertainment, and with enlarged facilities at the park, this feature will attract hundreds of visitors from all points in Northwest and West Texas.

CLUB BOYS TO VISIT DALLAS STATE FAIR

Wise county farm club boys winning honors for the year and the prize of free entertainment at the Dallas state fair as hosts of that association are William Rae Bowling of Pleasant Valley; Lawrence Young of Sycamore; Truett Weatherby of Sycamore; Bruton Baits of Decatur. They will leave Monday for Dallas in charge of County Agent Walter Love to spend three days viewing the big state show.

OAK GROVE PLANS COMMUNITY UNITY

The people of Oak Grove met last Monday night to arrange an organization to look after the community interests. The plan to be followed will probably be that the people of Sweetwater and Sycamore communities have adopted. The first thing to be started is an egg circle, and the folks on hand Monday night promised to pool product of fifteen hundred hens in the undertaking. More of the citizenship will join up later.

Oak Grove is one of the forward looking communities of the county and is settled by some of our most enterprising people the most of whom own their homes. If the move had not started a little late they would have been in at the county fair with a community showing of products. The new organization will perhaps hold this aim in mind for the next fair and having begun in advance will have time to grow and care for a nice lot of exhibits to show.

Good grade outside

REAL BARGAIN GOODS

Silks, woole canton crepes, p broadcloth and the privilege of s lines of these w to buy or not.

PUMPS AND FEMININE

If you will shoe department vinced that we largest stock of found in Wise C prices are reason

SATURDAY 36-inch percale

FREE! We will give axminister rug at four p. m. with each dollar

REMEMBER THE IN COTTON OUTPUT

The use of commercial fertilizer on his cotton crop netted Cheney Cunningham, a young farmer of the Dexter community, near Gainesville, approximately three hundred and fifty pounds of seed cotton in excess of the production on unfertilized soil, following a test conducted by Cunningham on his farm.

The cost of the fertilizer was four dollars per acre. He received from thirty to thirty-five dollars more from each acre's production on the fertilized land.

"IT IS TIME TO MILK!"

It is of record that once upon a time an Irishman stole a watch and a Dutchman stole a cow. Both were caught and lodged in jail in adjoining cells. Time passed slowly and became tiresome under the conditions. To break the monotony and to twit the Irishman, the Dutchman said, "Pat, vat time it is?" And, characteristic of his nationality, Pat replied, "It is toime to milk."

It is legend that there came a time in the history of Denmark when, as a nation, poverty and seemingly insurmountable indebtedness stared her in the face—when the one great problem was that of restoring national solvency. Then it was that Denmark decided it was time to milk, and from that day to this Denmark has advanced in prosperity until she ranks among the very richest countries per capita and as the most noted producer of dairy products. Such is the significance of Pat's reply, "It is toime to milk," applied to nations.

It is no secret that in the early days of Wisconsin wheat was grow continuously year after year until wheat would no longer grow profitably, nor would any other farm crop. The question of what to do arose and the reply was "It is time to milk." In an address to bankers recently, the head of the Federal Reserve Bank of the Northwest made the statement that in Wisconsin there was not one of the nine hundred and ninety banks delinquent, and that they had sent more than fifty million dollars in the Chicago district during the year past; and this during a period when states that were practicing other forms of agriculture almost to the total exclusion of dairying were clamoring for credit. Such is the significance of Pat's reply, "It is toime to milk," applied to states.

A community in North Dakota recently experienced its sixth consecutive crop failure. One crop failure would ordinarily suffice to discourage most sections, but not the stout-hearted men of this community, because in the early days of crop failures, when the inevitable question of what to do was propounded, some one said "It is time to milk," and in the year just referred to the average gross income from seventeen farms in the crop failure district was \$2,325.83. Strange as it may seem, these men, under the worst farming conditions, enjoyed greater prosperity than their fellow farmers in sections of the state that had bumper farm crops. Such is the significance of Pat's reply, "It is toime to milk," as it applies to communities.

John W. Newman, former commissioner of agriculture of the state of Kentucky, has eight farms oerated by tenants. During the war the price of tobacco was high and these tenants specialized to the extreme in growing the weed. Mr. Newman says they profited to the extent that each of them became worth from four to five thousand dollars. But, a little later, when the price of tobacco dropped, they lost all they had made and began borrowing money from him. After loaning them a total of three thousand dollars Mr. Newman called them together and said, "Not another cent will I loan you. I will place on each of your farms ten cows, eight sows and one hundred chickens, and, if you can't make money off the farms, you can go to hell." In other words he told them, "It is time to milk." Continuing, Mr. Newman says, "since that time those tenants are coming to me with money instead of for money." Such is the significance of Pat's reply, "It is toime to milk," as it applies to individuals.

From every section of the United States has been coming the cry that farm crops are selling below cost of production and yet the individual, the community, the state or the nation that is milking good cows, breeding up productive herds and caring for them well is prospering. Compared with prices of all other farm commodities and on the basis of cost of production, the prices of dairy products have been nearly as high since the war as they were at any time during the war. Further arguments are unnecessary to carry the conviction that of all times within the memory of the present generation the hour has arrived when to every man who farms there is much significance in Pat's reply, "It is toime to milk."

effervescence of spirit that so joyously distinguishes youth.

Which is to say, get ready to enjoy the football game between Decatur Baptist College Indians and Burleson College on October 19th. If you don't understand football, brush up on the rules so as to be prepared for the big time. It's to be the biggest clash of the season for the locals and we want to see them thru to success.

ALVORD FAIR WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

Alvord was visited by a large number of Decatur people during her fair last Saturday. It was a fine undertaking admirably arranged and handled. The live stock specimens, tho small in number, were of the finest quality. Wise county at her very best was shown in the exhibit of farm products, and poultry and the home department, all of which were nicely arranged together in a single building. These whole show made one want to take it to the Dallas fair and show the world what an un-advertised county can do.

Street games were played in the afternoon, after which a band concert and speaking by Joe McCulloch, farm labor union organizer, took place.

Alvord high school swamp Decatur high in a football game played on the school campus. The fair was well attended, and all the way round was very successful.

Attend the Majestic tonight and see your favorite screen star, Rudolph Valentino in one of his super films.

TERRACING WORK IS BEING PLANNED

A growing interest in the terracing of farms accumulates as cotton is picked out and farmers can turn their attention to the improvement of their farms. Thomas H. Brown has renewed the work started on his place last winter and stopped by the approach of the crop planting season. Mr. Brown is reported to be well pleased with the results of present season crop development on land that has been terraced in the last year or two.

DIARYING IN WISE COUNTY IS BRIGHT

Following is a letter received by Secretary Cliff D. Cates of Decatur chamber of commerce recently from Tennessee Dairies of Dallas, wholesale purchasers of milk from Decatur community:

"I have recently had occasion to see quite a few dairy communities in Texas and older dairy section in northern states. I have yet to find any section with greater promise than Decatur regarding dairy conditions, and I have not found any section that has made as rapid progress during the few years since dairying was started in the Decatur community.

"If the receipts at our station continue to increase during the next twelve months as they have during the past twelve months, we will be paying more than one hundred thousand dollars per year to the Decatur community dairymen before the middle of 1924. At this time we are paying to Decatur community dairymen at the rate of, approximately, seventy-five thousand dollars per year in cash each week.

"Only last week we adopted a plan that makes it possible for our Decatur dairymen to increase their price by twenty cents per hundred pounds simply by increasing the amount of milk furnished us.

"So far as I am able to learn no community, as far from market as Decatur it, has received anything like as good a net price for milk during the past year as we have paid in Decatur and other communities in Wise county and adjoining counties.

"We expect to continue to do everything we can for our producers. As you know, we have bought our own real estate in Decatur, and the men who operate our station and the truck are Decatur citizens and tax-payers. In other words, we want to be a real part of your community, and we wish to continue to have some part in each enterprise looking to the good of this community.

"The outlook for the dairy business is better, in my judgment, than it has been for a number of years. I do not look for any sky-high prices, but I do believe it will be possible for good dairymen to make good profits from their herds, and we shall certainly do everything in our power to help make this possible.

"LINDSEY WATERS, President."

INCITE CIVIC PRIDE IN DECATUR PLAN

A fall and winter movement to instill civic pride will probably be one of the next things on the bill for Decatur. The season was come for the planting of trees and shrubbery and the preparation of lawns and flower beds. The demand is always insistent for keeping the towns as clean and orderly as possible, but Decatur has to make many amends yet in this direction. The movement should include another great clean-up whether now or next fall.

As a result of recent months' effort Decatur now can boast of at least one street highly improved and beautiful in appearance and the interest in this shows signs of spreading to other portions of town. By constant effort and unselfish co-operation Decatur can come out of the bogs with reference to conditions of civic interest that an inspiring people should not tolerate.

Rudolph Valentino is appearing at the Majestic tonight. Don't fail to see this most popular of all screen stars.

ROAD EAST AND WEST TO BE BUILT

Luther Hartsell, commissioner of precinct four, of which Bridgeport is a part, indicated this week that a movement is on foot in the vicinity of the coal capital to circulate a petition calling for a bond election to build the thirty-ninth or Throckmorton Highway from the point of its termination when improved, which will be in the vicinity of the rock crusher between Chico and Bridgeport, on via Bridgeport to the Sandy creek west of Decatur on the Bridgeport and Decatur road. Influential people who opposed the issue in the first election which failed are now said to strongly indorse the measure and will vote and work for it.

If this effort shall succeed, and it is to be hoped that it will, the Decatur end of the road, which is already the roughest and most impassable, will be so comparatively unimproved as to place a handicap on the trade interest of this town in that section. Consequently, if the Bridgeport effort goes over it should behoove Decatur to look to her road building enterprise in that direction, not alone with a view to protecting her trade and tourist interests, but to help a sister town gain freedom from the isolation from main improved thoroughfares to which she is now subjected. It is possibly true that Decatur should take this step on her own initiative but the success of the Bridgeport movement will make the step almost imperative.

A great deal of interest is accumulating far and wide in making the Throckmorton an open improved thoroughfare for tourist traffic thru the tier counties that begins in East Texas and terminates in the counties farther west.

Wednesday last a committee representing the chamber of commerce, composed of J. A. Simmons, W. P. Thurmond, T. J. Dillehay and Jack Rieger, accompanied Judge Sam M. Ward and members of the Wise county commissioners' court to a point on Denton creek where a conference was held with the Denton county court in an effort to adjust a difficulty that has arisen from Denton county's plan of building a new road from the town of Denton out of a point on the county boundary line that does not intersect with the main Denton and Decatur road running directly east from Decatur. The proposed Denton road, for which allotments of state aid have been secured, would travel in a southwest direction from Denton and intersect the Wise county line at a point in the vicinity of Stony, a few miles south of where the main county seat road now intersects the line.

Th committee returned with a better understanding of the situation and apparently agreeable to the plan in prospect. Under final location and improvement in accordance with the committee's idea the present road to Allison would not be changed, but at Allison an angling detour southeast would be made to intersect the new road Denton county is on the point of constructing, making the distance not materially greater than is now traveled from Decatur to Denton.

The fact that more people in Wise county read the Messenger than any other publication in this section of the state attracts the wide-awake advertiser, and consequently the Messenger carries more advertising than any other publication in the county. The Messenger appreciates the rank it takes in the Wise county field and it is the constant endeavor of its publishers to give its patrons the best. Every Messenger subscriber is a paid-in-advance subscriber; a claim that few country publications in the state with the Messenger's circulation can make. Messenger list is a bona fide list; no padding, no free list. The only newspaper of its size in the county which is printed and published in its home town.

DENTON NORMAL'S ELEVEN DEFEATED

Decatur Baptist college Indians took the Denton Normal ineligible to a good beating last Friday at the college field to the tune of 42 to 0. After the game started, the result was never in doubt, yet the visitors showed considerable fight thruout the contest.

Coach St. Clair's squad looked dangerous when they came on the field. The line out-weighted the Indian line some 'steen pounds to the man, while the backfield had some fast men. During the first quarter, both teams fought hard. The Indians charged up and down the field, but were not able to go over.

Decatur started her drive in the second quarter when the ball was worked to the five yard line. Hardy went over with an end run. Price kicked goal. From this time on, the game went Decatur's way. Only straight football was used, and only two or three end runs were attempted. Most of the gains were made thru the line.

On the kick-off after the first touch-down, Sims kicked behind Denton's goal and Petty recovered for a touch-down. Goal was missed. Sims again kicked the ball behind Denton's goal on the kick-off. In the second half Sebastain started the scoring with a perfect field goal from the forty-two yard line. It was a peach of a goal and kicked from a difficult angle. Red Petty then intercepted a pass and ran twenty-five yards for a touch-down, Scott giving him valuable interference. Sims made the next line. On the next kick-off Sims score with a fifteen yard plunge thru took the ball down the field for a touch-down. His interference was perfect, and Sims himself shook off several men. Hahurst made the last touch-down with a three yard buck.

The Indians showed up better in this than in any previous game. Captain Price at tackle, together with King at right guard, opened powerful holes, while Sebastain and Hodgkins were doing the same on the other wing. Denton's end runs were cut in by Decatur ends time after time, and neither end was circled. Petty and Aubrey deserve credit for their splendid work. Hahurst, first-string center, was home on account of sickness, but Bradford supplied well in his place. In the backfield Sims and Hardy played the advancing game, assisted greatly by Shaw and Hahurst. Scott was the outstanding star on defense, as he hit the Denton boys like a ton of brick. Britto, a young Brazilian playing his first football, was in one quarter and looked good. In the fourth quarter Spain and Grigsby worked well at tackle, while Green and L. Hahurst, Lyles and Sharp all looked well at ends. Green hails from Bridgeport and will make Decatur Baptist College a good man. Shults and Talley are working hard for position, while the backfield reserves, Jones, Christian and Smith, are making competition warm, and all these men showed up well.

While Denton had no outstanding stars, the team was well balanced and fought hard all the time. The Indians go to Weatherford for a game today with Weatherford College, which will be a hard fought affair. The boys are not over confident and expect to put up the best possible fight in this contest. The team comes home for a hard week of training to meet Burleson College here next Friday. This is the hardest game of the schedule, as Burleson is doped the strongest junior college squad in the state. Decatur's motto is "beat Burleson," and every Decaturite should come out and help the Indians win.

ALVORD HI TAKES GAME FROM LOCALS

After taking a long trip to Graham where they played a hard game last Friday, returning home at two a. m. Saturday, the Decatur Hi School team went to Alvord Saturday and played the team there during the fair. The Alvord team won by the score of 13 to 6. The locals were dead on their feet during the first half, but during the second half came alive to some extent and made a touch-down. The squad was handicapped by the absence of three regular players.

Alvord team showed surprising strength and out-played Decatur during the first half, while Decatur had the edge on the second half. During the first half Alvord made two touch-downs. Allen received a forty-yard pass and went over. Later Alvord passed over the line for a touch-down. In the second half Hoyl recovered a fumble for Decatur, and after a series of runs and bucks, McDaniel carried the ball over on an end run.

Alvord comes to Decatur soon for a return game.

CUPID'S CAPERS

Cecil Schuffler and Miss Vivian Rice.
A. S. Stephens and Miss Gracie Burnett.
G. W. Rich and Miss Elizabeth Miles.
Charley Taylor and Miss Laura Reynolds.
D. L. Morgan and Miss Velma Watson.
Jessie Lynch and Miss Gussie Smith.
Toney Padgett and Miss Artie Smith.

ALVORD HAS GOOD FAIR ON SATURDAY

A good number of Decatur citizens attended the community fair and trades day at Alvord last Saturday. The event was a success from every standpoint and a large crowd was present. A Messenger editor was a visitor, and we were greatly pleased with the spirit of progress displayed by the people of the Alvord section. A large building was filled with displays of poultry, farm products and domestic science. D. L. Hoyl of this city judged the poultry, and he stated that the poultry show was above the average for a community fair. The farm products gave evidence of much prosperity and progress among the Alvord farmers. The domestic science department display proved that the ladies of that section were artists indeed in the making of those pretty do-dads which go to make the home beautiful and experts in the matter of preparing delicious foods for home consumption.

Various features furnished amusement and entertainment for the big crowds during the day and at night, and several speakers, among them Congressman Williams of Decatur, addressed the gathering.

Messenger congratulates the town of Alvord and the people surrounding the town upon this splendid event, and we know that this is only a beginning of greater efforts along this line.

MUTUAL AID PAYS CLAIMS PROMPTLY

Since the organization of the Local Mutual Aid association of Wise county some eight months ago, the company has paid off three death claims. The first claim was paid when there were only twelve hundred members, and a check for twelve hundred dollars was sent the beneficiary. Since the membership has gone above fifteen hundred, two claims have been paid, each one for fifteen hundred dollars. Secretary Buster Pearson is very prompt in settling claims, and he has been complimented in each instance for the readiness with which the association meets its obligations. The membership now numbers something over eighteen hundred, and is growing steadily. The limit for members is two thousand.

DECATUR HI LOSES TO GRAHAM TEAM

Decatur Hi School football team went to Graham last Friday and met a defeat at the hands of the hi school team there by close score of 6 to 0. Graham scored her lone touch-down when a pass was intercepted. Decatur out-played her opponents thruout the game, making eleven first downs to Graham's five. During the second half the ball was kept in Graham's territory almost entirely. Petty made good gains by receiving passes. McDaniel also caught several passes for gains. McDaniel looked good on his end runs and gained lots of ground. Wilhite and Porter got some good tackles.

PRESIDENT IS FOR KNOT-HOLE GANG

President Ward was, once a boy himself—or at least his statement to this paper would indicate such. He is anxious that all the kids see the games at Decatur college and asks the Messenger to extend the following proposition to all the kids of the community who are not able to pay their way into the different games at the college: The youngsters are to call on Brother Ward and he will give them passes into the game. If he should be out of town during any game, he will designate someone at the college to take care of the kids and see that they are admitted.

Notice of Suit.

No. 49662-D.—In the district court for the ninety-fifth judicial district of Texas, Dallas county, Texas. L. Wolff Manufacturing Company of Texas vs. J. H. Dalton and the Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Company.

Notice is hereby given that the above styled and numbered cause was instituted in the ninety-fifth judicial district of Texas, at Dallas, Texas, on the 28th day of September, A. D. 1923, and that the same is now pending in said court.

Said suit is a suit brought by the L. Wolff Manufacturing Company of Texas for materials furnished and delivered to P. J. Sheehan Company and by the said P. J. Sheehan Company used in the erection and construction of certain improvements to school buildings in Decatur, Texas under and by virtue of a contract entered into by and between J. H. Dalton and the board of trustees of the Decatur Independent School District, Decatur, Texas, on the 28th day of June, A. D. 1922.

This suit is brought by the said L. Wolff Manufacturing Company for indebtedness under said contract and the bond given in accordance with the laws of the state of Texas.—HORACE C. BISHOP, Attorney for Plaintiff. L. Wolff Manufacturing Company of Texas. (Oct 5-19)

MACK MASK OPENS STORE IN DECATUR

M. P. Mask is this week opening up a banch store in the Beard building in Decatur. The stock is now being arranged and Mr. Mask is running a page ad in this issue announcing a big sale to begin at nine o'clock Saturday morning. Mr. Mask has been in business in Bridgeport for several years, and he has made monthly trips to Decatur, putting on auction sales of goods, hence he is well known in this section. He has the reputation of selling the goods wherever he goes, and his new venture in Decatur will doubtless prove profitable to both the manager and the public. Mack is progressive and wide-awake, and we welcome him to Decatur.

Secure Lyceum Course for Schools of Decatur

The Hi School faculty and President J. L. Ward of Decatur Baptist College have arranged with the Redpath-Horner Lyceum Company for a high-class lyceum course for the entertainment of Decatur people this fall and winter. There will be four numbers in the course, names and date of each's appearance will be as follows: Betty Booth Concert Company, October 13th; William Rainey Bennett, oratorical lecturer, November 28th; Montrose Entertainers, February 11th; and William Sterling Battis, impersonator, March 3rd.

The usual admission charge for these entertainments are fifty cents and one dollar, but an effort will be made to finance the course by the advance ticket sales at the following very low rates: Double season ticket, three dollars; single season ticket, one dollar and seventy-five cents; single ticket, fifty cents. Admission at the door will be seventy-five cents for adults and thirty-five cents for children under twelve.

Buy your ticket now and help this worthy enterprise.

Get-Together Meeting of School Patrons Held

At the call of Superintendent L. B. Gill there assembled in the Hi School auditorium on last Friday evening representative citizens, friends and patrons of the public schools. The purpose of the gathering was to create a spirit of enthusiasm and closer co-operation on the part of the community as a whole in behalf of the schools.

The program was an informal but interesting one and was participated in freely by those present. As a demonstration of the spirit of pep which Mr. Gill said he hoped the community would come to manifest in its attitude towards the school, the Decatur Hi School pep squad was introduced and thrilled the audience with their Hi School songs and snappy yells.

Mr. Gill then spoke of some phases of the community's attitude essential to the development of a highly efficient school system. Among other things he said that the public school is the community's greatest enterprise—the only one in which every citizen, rich or poor, high or low, childless or with the largest household, is a stockholder—and that this interest is entitled to the same constructive attitude that would be manifested towards any other business enterprise. He said that efficient schools can not be built up in a community lacking a healthy "school consciousness;" that schools must be made good, then believed good, and always spoken of as good; that the community must "practice" good schools until good schools become a community habit; that high standards of conduct and work must be required of the schools and rigorously supported by public sentiment in the community.

Judge T. J. McMurray was present and entertained the children with reminiscences of his school experiences as a boy, and encouraged them to make the most of the golden days of childhood.

Secretary Cliff D. Cates, of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, spoke of the importance of the public school as a community asset, insisting that the first question asked by the prospective citizen was about the public school system and its efficiency.

W. S. Gilbert, chairman of the County School Board, but not now a citizen of Decatur nor patron of the school, manifested his interest in our schools by being present and saying that all Wise County is interested in seeing the best possible high school in Decatur, and that he could be counted on to lend his encouragement and support in any way at all possible.

Patron A. C. Hoyl spoke of the good work already being done by the school, and gave his assurance that Decatur citizens would do all possible to make it the best in this section of the state.

Secretary C. P. Watson of the school board said we already have a good school and that the school board is on the job to improve it every day.

There were several numbers by pupils of Miss Eileen Rowan's music class and Miss Valbie Blankenship's expression class, all well rendered and greatly enjoyed by the audience.

After the program, punch was then served by the ladies of the Decatur Civic League, and the audience was taken on a tour of inspection of the various departments in the annex recently erected.

WHAT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORK IS

What is the chamber of commerce work worth in dollars and cents to a community? Refer to the Tennessee Dairies letter printed in this issue of the Messenger for one answer. Ask Dr. J. L. Ward or the Baptist College for another. President Ward attributes the growth of college patronage in Wise county, of which there is a remarkable increase, solely to the efforts of the chamber of commerce made in the county the past campaign season.

Of course neither Dr. Ward nor anybody else can say how much influence the organization exercised in the influencing of patronage from the state at large. But there has been a splendid increase in the student role. The financial situation, in President Ward's own words, is agreeably relieved, the college has been put over successfully for this term and the whole present situation is highly satisfactory. Of course the whole citizenship organized thru the chamber of commerce did the work. And the timely action is worthy of the highest congratulation.

But just look what they can do if they keep on. Vision, a Baptist College hill top canopied over with the future dormitories and main buildings, with greatly beautified campus, with a thousand co-ed electrifying the atmosphere and spending thousands of dollars in our town. Think what it means to live in the stirring and invigorating proximity of all this young blood bursting to its very bounds with the impetus to rise on swift wings. Any man or woman who can contemplate this picture of future possibilities and can at the same time remain a conservative or a doubter is a conservative indeed.

But the campaign continues. It is on for all time. Support the college athletics. Support the entertainment course, the society debates, constantly boost and advertise Decatur Baptist College. It's an investment. The figures indicated above prove the assertion that such a course is very materially profitable.

But never forget that by others marks you would be and are justified in your course. A year's rapid study and comparison of the work of this and other schools convinces us we have in Decatur Baptist College an unusually distinctive school, a school so meritorious in the product it turns out and its all-round attainments as to generate a sterling pride in its capacity. All that Decatur Baptist College needed for was the world to know these facts. And Decatur community organized this past year to promulgate that information. As a result a minute section of the world, at least, has beat a path to the school's door.

But don't lose the big vision and work to be done!

BOYD BOY COTTON PICKING CHAMPION

Boyd claims the distinction of being the hope of the champion juvenile cotton picker of the state, and if the youngster keeps up his present lick until he reaches mature years he will be safe in challenging the world. Jack Kent, seven years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kent has just finished picking four thousand and two hundred and fifty pounds of cotton. In five days he picked nine hundred and ninety pounds, and one day he tried himself and gathered two hundred and six pounds. Jack is a hustler and saves his money. He will attend the Boyd school this winter.

Mrs. E. I. Brown of Henrietta, is the guest of her brother, M. L. Watts.

Frequent Headaches

"I suffered with chronic constipation that would bring on very severe headaches," says Mrs. Stephen H. Kincer, of R. F. D. 1, Cripple Creek, Va. "I tried different medicines and did not get relief. The headaches became very frequent. I heard of

Theford's

BLACK-DRAUGHT

and took it for a headache, and the relief was very quick, and it was so long before I had another headache. Now I just keep the Black-Draught, and don't let myself get in that condition."

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COUNTY COURT IN SESSION THIS WEEK

The regular session of the county court convened last week, but very little work has been done. Several cases will be called next week and the following jurors have been summoned for service:

W. A. Hanna, Alvord.
J. E. Elder, Bridgeport.
J. C. Frost, Paradise.
H. D. Read, Paradise.
J. M. Cone, Crafton.
A. T. Franks, Paradise.
E. L. Dutton, Boyd.
T. H. Brown, Decatur.
J. A. Christian, Decatur.
P. K. Best, Greenwood.
J. C. Gage, Decatur.
C. P. Davis, Chico.

Clarence Gettys was here this week from Bowie.

Mrs. E. B. Melton visited in Wichita Falls last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rieger and J. A. Parr were here Sunday from Sanger.

H. O. Madden was here Tuesday from Fort Worth.

DRACO NEWS

Mary Fitzgerald spent last Sunday with Ruby Minor.

Earl Read was a guest of Miss Exa Golaz last Sunday.

W. O. Stevens has returned home after a pleasant visit to West Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mann of this community, have moved to Paradise. Calvin Faulkner of Decatur, was a guest of Miss Velma Matheson last Sunday.

Miss Alice Patterson spent Wednesday night of last week with Mrs. D. C. Read.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF First State Bank at Slidell, Texas

At close of business Sept. 14th, 1923

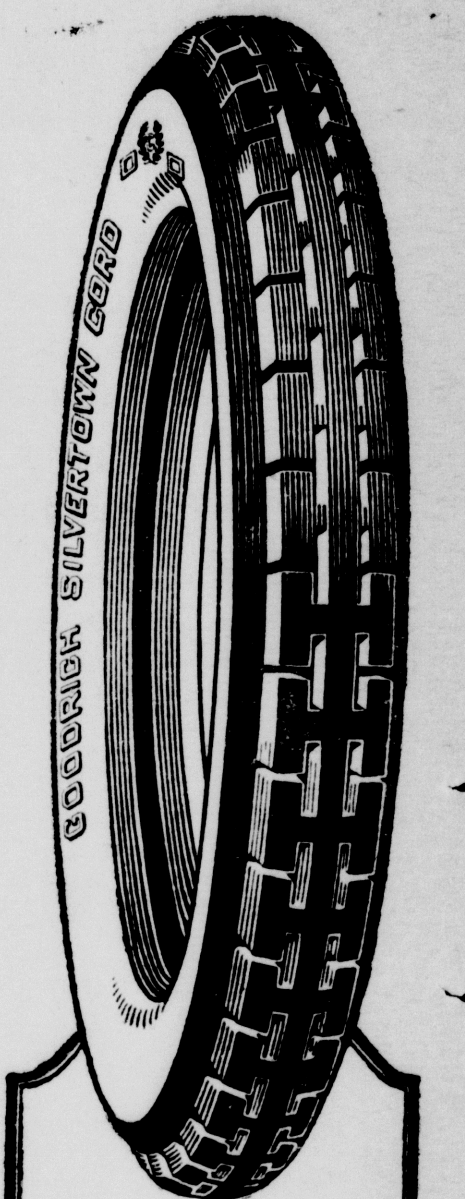
RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$ 22,091 68
Overdrafts.....	221 55
Real estate (bk'g house).....	750 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	935 00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	27,231 82
Interest on depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,123 13
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,097 97
Acceptances and bills of exchange.....	1,273 55
Total.....	\$54,799 98
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	3,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	75 28
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	41,672 94
School money.....	127 04
Total.....	\$54,799 98

State of Texas, County of Wise:
We, A. R. Drake, as vice president, and S. B. Drake, as cashier of said

DENTON HIGHWAY CONTRACT IS MADE

Completion of the east and west highway across the county from the Collin county line on the east to the Wise county line on the west has been assured thru arrangements by the Denton county commissioners for securing the money on contract warrants at six per cent interest.

There are about twenty miles of this road in Denton county to be constructed and the state has appropriated fifty per cent aid for completion of the route.



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—The Lightning is a real ninety-day cotton, maturing about two weeks earlier than other varieties; lints from thirty-eight to forty-four per cent, makes a large boll that is easy to pick, but storm proof; has a deep tap root and leaves are smaller than other cottons; staple very strong and measures a full inch and more when moisture is sufficient. Farmers, you know it will pay you to invest in the best of cotton seed. See

J. W. Bailey

—DECATUR, TEXAS—

FIRST M. E. CHURCH IS SIXTY YEARS OLD

A very enjoyable service was held last Sunday morning at the Methodist church commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the church. Judge John Gose was the principal speaker, and he delivered a very interesting address, giving much of the early history of the church and telling of the steady growth of the organization. He spoke feelingly of the pioneers who worked so faithfully in the early days of Methodism in Decatur. Among the early families in the church were the Goses, Fosters, Wallaces, Kenschaws and Terrells. Mrs. W. W. Williams, for many years one of the most consecrated and faithful members and christian workers of the church, made an impressive talk, telling of the great characters who had aided the church in its growth. A. C. Hoyt spoke of the progress of the church and gave a glimpse of the work accomplished and appealed for a continued effort for the future along the lines laid down by the old-timers.

The service was very helpful to all attending.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW AUTOMOBILES

Mrs. G. A. Wanamaker, Dallas, Ford.

Ira Whittaker, Alvord, Overland.
C. F. Flowers, Chico, Ford.
E. R. Wright, Boyd, Ford.
J. R. Holt, Decatur, Ford.
J. B. Wells, Crafton, Ford.
W. A. Atchey, Chico, Ford.
H. B. Pearson, Decatur, Ford.
J. W. Barrett, Decatur, Ford.
H. W. Smith, Decatur, Ford.
Z. F. Sneed, Bridgeport, Buick.
Mrs. P. F. Steel, Paradise, Ford.
Helm-Dillehay Company, Decatur, Ford.

X. X. Jay, Paradise, Dodge.
A. B. Wells, Chico, Ford.
J. A. Ray, Alvord, Ford.
C. C. Griffith, Decatur, Ford.
J. P. Fullingim, Decatur, Ford.

OWL CLUB BEGINS NEW YEAR'S WORK

On Wednesday afternoon the first meeting of the Owl Club for the year was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Steve Lillard Jr. A large number of guests were present, which included associate, honorary and regular members of the club.

The president delivered a splendid address, setting forth the plans and purposes for the year's work. A musical program, which was much enjoyed, was rendered by Mrs. Harry Gose, pianist, Mrs. F. M. Kenny, soloist, Miss Ada Cates, pianist, and Miss Katherine Ruth Helm, reader.

Several diversions added to the merriment and entertainment of the guests, after which the hostess served a very delectable plate luncheon.

The Owl Club meets every Wednesday afternoon.

METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor will preach next Sunday at eleven a. m. and seven-thirty p. m. This is the last Sunday of this conference year. Let every member of the church greet the pastor and each other at both services this Sunday. The annual conference meets at the Whaley memorial church at Gainesville next Wednesday morning.

PARADISE NEWS

Dowden Harris was here last week-end from Ryan, Oklahoma.

Curtie Locke of Newark, was at home Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Daughtery was here the past week from Oklahoma City, visiting his family.

Mrs. Effie Price, county superintendent, was over from Decatur the past week-end, visiting with relatives.

The Patterson brothers who moved their families to Tipton, Oklahoma, some weeks ago, have returned to good old Paradise.

Misses Lottie Albritton, Blanche Neat, Mrs. Paul W., and daughter, Jennette and Mrs. Clifford Wallace were shopping in Bridgeport Saturday.

Word was received here Sunday of the death of Mrs. Sallie Green of Oklahoma City. Mrs. Green is a sister of Mr. Tom Burnett of this place and is well known here, where she has a host of friends who are grieved to hear of her death.

On last Wednesday evening, October 3rd, Mr. Arthur Leonard of Fort Worth and Miss Opha Combs of this place, were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed in Fort Worth. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Combs, old-time residents of Paradise, and her wonderful personality has won for her a host of friends. Mr. Leonard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leonard and has also been reared in Paradise, where he was counted as one of our most popular young men. He now holds a position in the city of Fort Worth, where the young couple will make their home. The many friends of these young people wish for them a very happy journey thru life.

Sheriff's Sale.

The state of Texas, county of Wise Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain alias execution issued out of the honorable district court of Johnson county, on the 4th day of September, 1923, by J. P. Seroyer, clerk of said court, for the sum of two hundred fifty-eight and 35-100 (\$258.35) dollars and costs of suit under a judgment, in favor of W. F.

Johnson in a certain cause in said court, No. 11351 and styled W. F. Johnson vs. A. T. Weeks et al, placed in my hand for service, I, W. M. Workman, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did, on the 17th day of September, 1923, levy on certain real estate situated in Wise county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

First Tract.—Eighty and one-sixth acres out of block No. 80, Matagorda county school land, beginning at a stake, the common corners of blocks No. 79, 80, 85 and 83, Matagorda

county school land, thence north 950 varas to northwest corner of block No. 86; thence west 476 1-6 varas to corner; thence south 950 varas to south boundary line of said block No. 80; thence east 476 1-6 varas to the beginning.

Second Tract: Eighty acres of land, the east one-third of block No. 79 of said Matagorda county school land survey, beginning at the southeast corner of said block No. 79; thence north 950 varas to corner; thence west 475 varas to northwest

corner of 160 acres of this block sold to W. T. Curry; thence south 950 varas to corner; thence east 476 varas to beginning, containing eighty acres, more or less, and levied upon as the property of A. T. Weeks and that on the first Tuesday in November, 1923, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the court house door, of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. by virtue of said levy and said alias execution I will sell said above described real

estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said A. T. Weeks.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 17th day of September, 1923.—W. M. WORKMAN, Sheriff Wise county, Texas. By GEO. GAGE, deputy. (Sep 28-Oct 12)

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LADIES' COATS, COAT SUITS AND DRESSES

—Our resident buyers in New York are sending us out weekly ladies' ready-to-wear. By this means of buying we are able to offer the new things that are being shown in the east.

Coat suits. . . . \$15.00 to \$45.00
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Wool dresses. . . \$12.50 to \$25.00
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PUMPS AND OXFORDS FOR FEMININE FEET

—If you will visit our ladies' shoe department you'll be convinced that we carry the very largest stock of new styles to be found in Wise County—and our prices are reasonable.

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We will give away one \$45.00 axminster rug November 5th, at four p. m. Get your tickets with each dollar purchase!



SHOWING NEW MILLINERY IN STYLISH MODELS

—We are showing individual autumn models that are hurrying in now. Come in and make your selection now. Ladies' and misses' and children's velvets, felts and sport hats, reasonably priced—\$1.95 to \$7.95.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S Sweaters

—Everybody knows the quality of our knit goods guarantees absolute satisfaction. We have a wonderful selection of newest sweaters—\$1.95 to \$8.50.

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—Don't fail to see our line of men's and young men's suits before you buy. They are reasonably priced—\$15.00 to \$35.00.

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Men's khaki pants 95c pair

SUITS FOR BOYS WITH TWO PAIRS OF PANTS

—Mothers will find here new styles and better quality in boys suits and lower price. Our boys department is very popular with mothers who appreciate good suits with an extra pair of pants in sizes eight to seventeen years of age—\$7.50 to \$14.50.

EXTRA SPECIAL FOR NEXT SATURDAY ONLY!

Men's blue overalls \$1.15 pair

BED BLANKETS FOR COOL WINTER NIGHTS

—We have in stock large size bed blankets in plaid designs at only \$2.50 per pair or three pairs for only \$7.50.

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Men's army shoes \$2.98 pair

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Friday Morning, October 12th, 1923.



Too many pots in Oklahoma have been opened with the Jack.

The great Texas state fair will open its gates tomorrow. This is the big Texas show and every citizen in the state should see it.

Children, and those of our citizens who are slow in moving about, are requested by the town's speeders to keep off the street crossings.

"Yes, We Have No Bananas," the popular jazz tune, is in fact, a combination of the strains from three classical pieces, "Hallelujah Chorus," "I Dreamt I Dwell in Marble Halls" and "Seeing Nellie Home."

The bell spurs are clanking on the streets of Fort Worth this week, and hundreds of fellows who never saw a cattle range are whooping 'em up in true western style. The whoopers should get a few cow hands from the outfits of Waggoner and Burnett to teach 'em the gait.

Editor Miller of the Mineral Wells Index and Editor Dick McCarty of the Albany News state they are going to attend the blow-out of the Texas editorial association on the coast. If the gentlemen appear at the meeting in the role of orators the show will be worth the trip.

Governor Neff has not announced that he will be a candidate against Senator Morris Sheppard, but his movements here of late indicate something in that direction. With Sheppard and Neff in the going, it will be interesting to hear Cullen Thomas boost his selection.

Ed Lockhart, one of Oklahoma's bad men, a boon companion of the notorious Henry Star, when that gentleman was at his worst, has been liberated from prison by "outside friends." Ed will now proceed to assist other famous characters in keeping the state in the limelight.

If the newspapers in Oklahoma are responsible for the conditions that give promise of resulting in a clean-up in that state, every delinquent subscriber under the folds of the Oklahoma flag should rally at the newspaper offices and shower editors with essence and provender.

Judging from noticeable effects we rise to suggest to some people to avoid the appearance of a little prosperity. Whenever a little loose change in the pocket and as many as three meals in the offing have a tendency to make you feel superior to the ordinary run of mortals, you had better watch your step.

It looked for awhile that the man and woman who were charged with slugging Atticus Webb on the street in Dallas, were in a very bad fix. It appeared that the alleged sluggers were in for severe punishment at the hands of the law. When the case was tried in Dallastown the other day, a jury told the man and woman to pay \$25 and go free.

Reflecting on the growing need of local dairymen for a protein feed and the general benefit such a plant would confer on the community, a prominent citizen has suggested the idea of re-establishing a cotton seed oil mill in Decatur of about twenty-five tons capacity. A plant of this capacity would approximate about one-half the size of the plant we had before the burn and would be ample, he thinks, to handle the by-products of future cotton crops and cheapen the cost of cotton seed meal to the milk and cream producers.

Hardly anything new can be said on the subject of the advisability of homefolks buying at home. The old problem remains the same and assumes no new guises. It is simply that a town must have the patronage of its people to succeed. Take the issue any way you want to and trade is the fundamental question of prosperity and the underlying principle of all community growth. When people once realize this fact they will come soberly to realize how vitally they are related to this absorbing issue.

A larger attendance greeted the football game between the Decatur College Indians and Denton Normal ineligibles on the college campus last week—an effect due in part, perhaps, to the instruction maneuvers given on the court house lawn last Thursday when the high school and the college teams appeared to afford an opportunity for Coaches Dickson and Walker to give instruction in the rules of football.

Membership in the various chambers of commerce in Japan is not a matter of choice, but is compulsory if a firm pays an income tax of more than fifty dollars, according to Shintaro Yoda, an executive of the Tokio chamber of commerce, who is touring the United States. Dues in Japan, according to Yoda, instead of being on a set stable basis, are predicated also on the income tax, each individual or firm paying a membership fee of two and one-half per cent of the amount he or his firm pays in income tax for the year.

Those Denton fellows who visited the Decatur fair say they enjoyed every minute of their stay. Come again, gentlemen, but we would suggest to the good wives of the visitors that they come along next time. It is not good for man to be alone in a community where all girls are brilliant beauties. For instance, there is Loafer, the versatile vender of information for Denton's good newspaper, who accompanied the party visiting here during the big three days celebration—(to be continued.)

Many Denton Methodists are now arranging to visit the North Texas Conference, which meets at Gainesville October 17th, with Bishop John M. Moore presiding. The conference was to have been held in Denton this year, but when the Methodists decided to build their \$150,000 church building and had to tear down the old one, it was decided best not to attempt it this year and the meeting accordingly transferred to Gainesville with the idea of bringing it here probably next fall, by which time the local edifice will have been completed. North Texas Conference embraces Wichita, Archer, Clay, Jack, Montague, Wise, Cooke, Denton, Red River, Denton and Franklin counties with 514 organized churches and 297 pastoral charges which include 80,455 members, 292 Epworth Leagues with a membership of 10,508; 433 Sunday schools with 71,464 members; 173 women's missionary societies with 6,552 members; 456 church buildings valued at \$3,415,570; and 183 parsonages valued at \$761,442, these being statistics made up at the 1922 session. Conference last year raised \$1,390,022. A substantial growth in each phase is expected to be shown this year.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Visitors See Things.

(Loafer in Denton Record-Chronicle)

Loafer cast aside his cares and hitched up the Elizabethy and backed her up to the courthouse, while he loaded it up with Lish Durban, Jack Christal and Joe I. Evans. When he had his cargo placed he turned her nose westward and batted her on the back until he arrived at Decatur. Now, Decatur is the city that was

mentioned in the Bible for it sure is set on a hill, and it can not be hid. Nice burg and nice folks. Treated Loafer and his convoy just like they was real people. They had a good fair, although it was somewhat scattered. Loafer visited it and then took a walk, and the first thing he knew he was visiting some more fair. Then he began to hunt about and locate plenty of fair, also fair ones, although it must be understood that this does not go if anybody tells Mrs. Loafer he said it.

Loafer found Jim Cunningham just where he expected to find him—right up alongside a pig pen. Jim looked so happy that Loafer wondered what could be the matter until he took a squint at the contents of the pens and found that every single as well as every married hog there was a Poland China. Not a red headed one in the bunch. Jim just vowed that he thought that it was an ideal hog show. Loafer being absolutely "neutral" did not argue the case with Jim, but went over and looked at the sheep and the cows, both Jersey and Shorthorn. The horses were there and Loafer will have to take off his hat and salute Wise county horses for they are dandies and no mistake. The farm exhibits were excellent and some of them beautiful. Loafer asked Col. Dique Collins if they were all grown in Wise county and only escaped with his scalp because he happened to be where he could dodge behind a lady—good large lady and by the time Col. Dique got thru explaining to the lady how delighted he was to see her, Loafer was way over in the chicken department.

Loafer thinks he saw the biggest beet that he ever saw while in that Wise county fair, and he asked Col. Dique if it was a dead beet to be told that the only deadbeats there came from Denton county. Loafer does not know whether Col. Collins intended anything pursonnel or not. Anyway being so far away from home Loafer did not take the matter to himself, but pretended like he thought Collins was talking about vegetables.

After noon there was a parade and it was some parade. Loafer takes off his hat to the people of Decatur on that parade, because it would have been a credit to anybody's old town.

Loafer was standing by the side of Will Terrell, who formerly sold dry goods in Denton some twenty years ago. Loafer was making comments on the features of the parade, and he wants to say they were all favorable ones, when he chanced to see a float representing an old-time scene, where ladies were carding and spinning cotton or wool or something. Loafer made some remark about the girl at the wheel and Terrell informed him that it was Mrs. Terrell. Loafer looked at Bill and then tried to imagine what had happened to himself in twenty years, and then he wondered how it was that a woman can look absolutely younger after twenty long years. Terrell told Loafer that both his children are in the University of Texas. They were babies when Loafer saw them last. Loafer is not going to speak further of it. If he did some jink will pop up and accuse Loafer of getting old when there is no such thing.

Loafer witnessed a little scene in which a farmer displayed tact unlimited and got himself out of a difficult position with such grace that Loafer wanted to cheer him. The scene was before some fancy work, and an older lady was looking at it, and asked who made it. The man with pardonable pride, said, "My wife made it." The older lady snorted and said, "Wal, I just want to tell you that I can beat your wife making that stuff 19 ways from Sunday." Then she proceeded to tell him how superior her work was to his wife's. That fellow swallowed just once and said, "Well, now I'm really glad that you can beat her for I am sure you can, although I have never had the pleasure of seeing any of your work." Loafer wanted to pat him on the back, and also wanted to remind that old lady that he had heard thousands of folks just like her say, "Huh, I got one at home that beats that all ter Jordan and back and I wouldn't fool bringing it to the fair." Yep, Loafer has heard tell just like that before. Did you?

Denton county folks all remember G. T. Elder, formerly of Pilot Point. Well, Loafer found him over there at Decatur with a booth filled with an automobile that Elder is selling. Loafer walked up while Elder was telling some fellow how much better that car was than any other in the universe, and when he saw Loafer he never missed a lick, but stuck out his hand and said, "Howdy, you know that is the best carburetor that ever carbureted and the crank shaft is so-on." Loafer sneaked away and admired any man who could shake hands, greet an old acquaintance and never miss a lick that he was putting into that prospect.

Loafer had some trouble in rounding up his cargo when he got ready to leave. He found Lish Durban up on the square making so much noise that they had to ask him to quit so the band could be heard. Joe Evans refused to stir because some fellow had told him that a young lady was going to climb a greasy pole for a man. Joe said he just naturally wanted to stay and see how she dressed for the part. Loafer threatened to go off and leave him, but that did not phase him, but when he said that we were going to tell Mrs. Joe about why he left him, Joe came a-running and said naughty things about this Loafer. Jack Christal

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spent all his time hunting for a black grey hound named "Bob." Said he just wanted to see what a black gray hound looked like anyhow. Loafer asked Jack how a dog that was black could be gray, and Jack said, "Aw, if I was to tell you, you wouldn't have sense enough to understand." Loafer did not press the question any further for fear Jack might demonstrate.

On the way back, Loafer got a kodak view of the original Dan Waggoner headquarters, where the old veteran and nester among the cowmen lived while he was building up his herd until it covered a thousand hills and the dollars until they reached millions high. It was and is a modest, substantial structure.

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TEN DAYS OF REAL RED HOT PRICES

I have just returned from market and while there bought a lot of good goods at close-out prices which enables me to put on this sale of unheard-of prices. Be on hand Saturday!

FREE! To the first fifty customers buying \$25.00 or more on the opening day will be given a nice piece of aluminum ware. Look at This! One hundred dozen men's blue overalls, union made, with label in the right hand pocket—watch them go at \$1.19 One lot khaki pants—good grade—in red tag sale only \$1.79 One lot of ladies' strap and lace low heel slippers—all sizes—per pair \$1.95 One lot of baby blankets—red tag sale price only 19c Plenty of good outing will go in this red tag sale at—per yard 15c	Real Money-Savers Plenty children's shoes, good all-leather shoes—all sizes— will go at \$1.39 One lot of boys' caps go in this red tag sale at only 29c One lot good grade brown domestic, red tag sale price—eight yards for \$1.00 Two hundred men's suits will go in this red tag sale at from \$9.95 to \$24.95 One lot of boys' suits going in this sale at from \$4.95 to \$8.50 One lot of good grade straight last shoes for men—sale price \$3.98	FREE! To the first fifty customers buying \$25.00 or more on the opening day will be given a nice piece of aluminum ware. Here You Go! One lot ladies' coat suits—in red tag sale at from Watch them go! \$9.95 to \$19.95 One lot 9-4 bleached and brown domestic, best grade—red tag sale, per yard 50c One lot of good grade 36-inch percale to go in red tag sale, per yard 15c Two hundred pairs of good bed blankets, large size, go in this sale—three pairs \$10.00 One lot of men's sox will go in this red tag sale—per pair 8c
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Now, this is no hot air sale, but a real Red Tag Sale such as Decatur and surrounding territory have never heard of before and may never hear of again. Come early and avoid the rush.

The Beard Building--South Side Square

Saturday, October 13
Is the Date

IS THE PLACE

M. P. MASK
Sales Promoter

YOUR DOLLAR IS WORTH 100 CENTS HERE

There is a time in everyone's life when he has to stint or, in other words, buy something cheap. Every person is conscious of the fact that it does not pay to buy cheap or inferior merchandise. For instance, a man buys three cheap hats, and say he pays three dollars for these hats; if he gets a year's wear out of each hat, satisfaction considered, do you really believe that he has saved money by not paying nine dollars for a real good standard brand Stetson hat at first? The same rule will work all down the line. Insist that you get standard brand merchandise wherever you buy. You would not buy a Ford car if it did not have "Ford" on the hub. Folks, get the habit while the water is fine—put your dollars where they carry standard brand articles for men and boys, such as Hart Schaffner & Marx suits and overcoats, L. Greiff & Company suits and overcoats, Stacey Adams shoes, M. A. Packard shoes, Star Brand all-leather shoes, Arrow Brand shirts and collars, Phoenix hosiery, Cadet hosiery, Imperial Drop-Seat underwear, Hansen gloves, Hickok belts, John B. Stetson hats, Cadet coat sweaters, Chippewa dress boots. For ladies, such as Gossard corsets, Phoenix hosiery, Cadet sweaters and hosiery, Richard Hutnutt's toilet articles, Linenweave white goods, McCall patterns, B. Hart & Company silks and crepes, Perrin-Campbell kid gloves. We maintain a buyer in New York the year round who buys direct from such manufacturers as Jacob Sperber, M. Kaufman, S. Goldberg & Company, makers of coats and coat suits, Schroder "Dorothy Devine" Canaday Dress Company, L. A. Goldberg, Sell Fair Stout Dress Company, makers of high-class dresses. Buying direct from the maker, we save you the middle man's profit!

FAVORITE FEMININE MELODIES

—Style is the pruner of fashion, eliminating and re-adjusting whimsical vagaries of fashion to the needs of real people. Style to the frock is what stalk is to the flower—grace, beauty and charm—we must have the style! Dress up and we have to "live up" to the gown. Here's the autumn fashion melody—keyed to harmonious style.

Fall and Winter Coats

—Advance showing of coat styles for early fall and winter wear! The irresistible lure of these pretty coats is due to a happy combination of style and serviceability. The wraps we are featuring are a few of the many coat styles. Fascinating fabrics with exquisite lines now on display.

Display of Fall Dresses.

—Coat frock dresses are conspicuous leaders for fall wear and will continue favorites thruout the winter season. The clever woman with an instinct for appropriateness will most assuredly choose one of these models. Our fall showing of these coat dresses will interest you—and every woman should have at least one.



CORRECT DRESS FOR THE LADY

—"Good clothes open all doors," so let us help select your fall suit, wrap or frock which will carry the distinguished air of correct lines. Now is the time to purchase new fall suits, dresses or frocks when our stocks are big and you will be in advance of the winter rush. Our prices will meet all competition.

Stylish Models in Suits.

—The first requisite for woman's wardrobe is a trotter suit. The favorite navy rep or twill is first choice, as it is most practical and always looks well. Many jaunty models we display at amazingly low prices. A suit like this will equip you for almost every occasion.

Stylish Separate Skirts.

—Skirts, exploiting folds, plaits, frills and tiers are displayed in our skirt department which will meet the demands of every whim of fashion's edict. You will be surprised at how becoming these separate skirts are to every figure when topped by a blouse of style. It is an economical combination. See our showing today.

Hosiery—Correct Foot Notes

—Hosiery that gives excellent service and of carefully selected silk, lisle and cotton. We have many with elastic garter tops and soles. New fall colors are log cabin brown, babbling brook, pilgrim, autumn brown and cut steel. Black and white are shown in many styles for practical wear as well as many other desirable shades to match and harmonize with suit and frock—and the prices are reasonable.

—When a well dressed woman's thoughts turn to fall and winter fashions they instinctively revert to Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Fashionable Dainty Lingerie

—Lingerie! Gracefully fitted and that to every woman means much, for it is all in the cut of a garment to her. Exquately fashioned underthings made for service as well as dainty loveliness—vests, bloomers, step-ins, nighties and slips for every day or party wear at thrift tag prices. Supply your needs now a material saving by selecting from this assortment. You will be surprised at the selection to be found at Perkins-Timberlake Company—and prices are wonderfully low. Materials are as varied as are colors. Silk, pongee, crepe or silk and cotton, batiste or the serviceable long-cloth.



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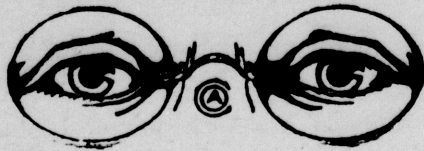
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UNINCORPORATED

DECATUR, TEXAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT



—E. W. Bass wishes to announce that he is now associated with Lord Optical Company in Fort Worth, and invites his many friends and customers to call on him when they are in Fort Worth.

—Lord Optical Company is the oldest company in the southwest, and one of the best equipped to be found. All glasses are manufactured in their own shops, so absolute satisfaction is assured.

Local News

NEW FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAIN SCHEDULE.

NORTH BOUND.			
No.	Ft. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
7—	10:45 pm	12:21 am	3:00 am
5—	7:45 am	9:16 am	11:55 am
1—	9:45 am	11:03 am	1:10 pm
6—	6:45 pm	8:16 pm	11:55 pm
SOUTH BOUND.			
No.	W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth
8—	3:00 am	5:26 am	7:00 am
6—	8:00 am	10:30 am	12:01 pm
4—	1:15 pm	3:45 pm	5:15 pm
2—	2:45 pm	5:00 pm	6:20 pm

J. H. Troxell of Rhome, was in to see the Messenger yesterday, while shopping in the city.

Mrs. Charles P. Nash and son are visiting relatives in Dallas.

The L. A. L. Club met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Clarence Reeves. A business session was held, after which a very pleasant social time was enjoyed by those present. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Sam Pavillard of the Boyd community, was in the city yesterday.

A. Y. Leslie of Alvord, was in town Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Fullingim were in Fort Worth Monday, the doctor being called there to see a patient.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Simmons and son were Fort Worth visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Standley and children have been visiting here from Austin. Mr. Standley, as announced in last week's Messenger, is making preparations to move to Cleburne, where he and associates will open a state bank.

Mrs. Robert Carswell of Dallas, visited her mother here this week.

The ladies' association of Bethel cemetery will have a Saturday market October 20th at Man & Christian furniture store. Pies, cakes, dressed chickens, etc will be sold. Your patronage is solicited.

Mrs. S. M. Bennett is visiting friends and relatives in Wichita Falls this week.

Mrs. Julia Tiley is visiting relatives in Electra.

Miss Lillie Bridges of Rhome, was a Decatur visitor Saturday.

D. M. Turner and wife and Mrs. R. A. Mobley have returned to make their home in Decatur, after a stay in Wichita Falls.

Fire was discovered under the floor of Lillard & Company harness shop last Friday morning, and was extinguished with small damage. Cause of the blaze was not discovered.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jeffries and Miss Christine McCracken were here Saturday and Sunday from Fort Worth.

Miss Lalla Fay Achibald, a nurse from the state health department, is making a tour of Wise county schools giving instruction in health preservation. She was in Alvord the past two weeks, and will go to Rhome school next week, after which she will visit Decatur schools. The lady will be in the county about four months.

There were 7021 bales of cotton ginned in Wise county prior to September 15th, 1923, as compared with 2284 bales ginned here prior to the same date last year.

J. C. Colgan of Farmington, Missouri, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. L. W. Tyler.

S. M. Gose returned this week from a stay in New York City, where he went with his wife, who is now under treatment of specialists there. The many friends of Mrs. Gose will be glad to know she is fast regaining her health.

Mrs. J. E. Boyd has been visiting her daughter in Wichita Falls.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Alf Brown Jr. of the Paradise country, on last Monday, October 1st, 1923, a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Van, on Wednesday, October 3rd, 1923, a daughter.

Revs. J. L. Ward, R. E. Bell and G. W. Tyson were in Dallas this week attending the meeting of the state executive board of the Baptist state convention.

A. V. McAnear was here Tuesday prof. Boyd.

Mrs. Clyde McMurray of Fort Worth, visited Mrs. Bonnie Sellars south of town first of the week.

Bill Alexander has returned from a stay in Bowie, and is now with the popular dry goods firm of Rieger Brothers.

Jack Rieger was in Dallas on business this week.

Mrs. Jay Ingram and Miss Ruth Payne of Sweetwater, were the guests of relatives in Decatur Saturday and Sunday.

J. F. Lillard and wife of Bridgeport, were in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lois Lively and baby of Bonham, arrived in the city Monday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Thompson. Mr. Lively returned to Bonham Tuesday, while Mrs. Lively and daughter will remain over for several days.

The Decatur Gun Club will hold a shoot next Tuesday afternoon on the grounds north of town. All who are interested in this sport are invited to be present. Some good sport is promised.

Mrs. E. B. Melton visited in Fort Worth Monday.

The Wise County Farm Labor Union, under the supervision of County Salesman E. L. Barksdale, closed a deal Wednesday night whereby three hundred bales of cotton, belonging to members of the union, were sold direct to the spinners. The price received was about five dollars a bale above the street market.

Rev. Roy L. Patton and family of Krum, were here yesterday.

Reuben Moore, Fausz Nobles and Misses Thelma Taylor and Alice May Gill visited Ringgold Sunday.

E. E. Bewley, W. P. Somar and J. W. Price of the Bewley Mills of Fort Worth, were Decatur visitors Wednesday. President Bewley stated that he was highly pleased with the reception accorded Bewley Mills in the establishment of an elevator here, and also with the splendid patronage received from the people of this section.

Miss Edna Tyler continues very low at her home in this city since she suffered a second paralytic stroke a week ago. Her condition is very serious and small hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Dolph Conley and family of Audubon, are here in attendance at the bedside of Miss Edna Tyler, who is very ill.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The North Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention will be held in Decatur November 6th and 7th. The territory of this convention comprises twenty-five North Texas counties, and will bring to Decatur probably three hundred visitors, whom the people here will be expected to provide free lodging and breakfast.

The business men's Bible class taught by Professor L. B. Gill, is planning to build a new Sunday school room to accommodate its increasing crowds.

Revs. J. L. Ward and G. W. Tyson, together with the pastor, attended a meeting of the state executive committee at Dallas last Tuesday. Plans were discussed for the raising of a million dollars in the fall round-up of the seventy-five million campaign. The increased prosperity makes it possible for many who are behind on their payments to pay up now, and all subscribers are urged to pay their pledges now due by the first of November.

The pastor will preach next Sunday at both hours. We are having some great congregational singing these days, and the choir is furnishing better music each Sunday. A cordial welcome is extended to all visitors.—R. E. Bell, pastor.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

1c Per Word
—CASH IN ADVANCE—
No Ad Taken for Less Than 25c.

FOR RENT.
FOR RENT—Five-room house on South Trinity street. Apply to W. P. THURMOND at City National Bank, Decatur. (36-1f)

FOR SALE.
FOR SALE OR TRADE—60 3/4 acre farm; near Flatwoods school house; good easy terms. For particulars see or write TOM W. BRANDON, route two, Decatur. (41)

FOR SALE—WHO wants a folding mantle bed at a bargain? Good as new.—MRS. H. W. SMITH. (41)

FOR SALE—Boys' \$45.00 bicycle; cheap. See TED SMITH. (41)

FARM FOR SALE—Owing to old age and failing health, I will sacrifice my home farm for less than the improvements are worth. Have 130 acres, one-half in cultivation; level; no Johnson grass or washes; crops this year will pay for land it grows on; good buildings; soft water; water works; hog wire fencing; ripe fruit from May until frost; grade school; 4 1/2 miles northeast Decatur; graded roads; rural route; easy payments, low interest.—W. M. STEVENSON, Decatur, route eight. (41-1f)

FOR SALE—Fifteen head of good mules and horses; also wheelers, Fresno scrapers, etc. See R. H. BARNEY, J. A. SIMPSON or SECURITY STATE BANK, Decatur. (39-1f)

FOR SALE—143-acre farm, seven miles south of Decatur; good im-

E. L. Brandenburg and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Lunn and W. A. Hughes and family were Bowie visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Don Hatcock was a Bowie visitor last week.

S. A. Lunn of Oklahoma City, is visiting relatives here.

Hayes Dunaway has returned from a stay in Rhome.

Mrs. Terrell Lillard is visiting her mother in California.

Little Alfred Rankin has returned from a stay in the Wyoming oil fields.

Arkansas Apples

\$1.00 PER BUSHEL

We have a good supply of fresh apples for cook-and eating, and will close them out at \$1.00 per bushel.

LUCAS & WASSON
Askey Bldg.
East Main Street

It Was a Plaything

—The electric light started its career as an interesting experiment—nothing more. When Edison correlated light in a bottle people were amused.

—But such things as the electric light, telephone, etc. required years of experiment and research costing many millions of dollars. Private capital financed the engineers and scientists and took all the risk. This country would now be a hundred years behind but for the electric light and power industries. We would still be using the oil lamp, the palm leaf fan, the old sad iron and would be subjugated to many other forms of drudgery.



LOOK ahead to Winter, with its wet, snowy or icy streets and roads and when you buy a tire now, get the Goodyear Cord with the All-Weather Tread. That tread is famous the world over for slipless, gripping traction and for long, economical wear.

As Goodyear Service Station Dealers use and recommend the new Goodyear Cord with the bonded All-Weather Tread and ask them up with standard Goodyear Service

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GOODYEAR

provements; reasonable price and terms. Also my residence property in Decatur, eleven room house with bath, lights, gas, and windmill; price \$3500.—R. M. ASH, Decatur. (42)

FOR SALE—One Chalmers automobile. For price and terms apply to W. P. THURMOND at City National Bank, Decatur. (41)

FOR SALE—Good team, horse and mare; color, black; about sixteen hands high; five years old; this team matches in color, age, size and gait.—T. H. WRIGHT, at Helm-Dillehay Company, Decatur. (42)

HORSES AT 7.50 AROUND—We are closing out our entire lot of stock horses, mares and colts at from \$7.50 to \$10.00 around in car-load lots; heavier blocky mares and mules at prices equally as cheap; worth while to investigate our bargains, and first come first served. For further detailed information write or wire

STRAIN & MONTGOMERY, Carlsbad, New Mexico. (42)

WANTED.
WANTED—Man with car to sell complete line high quality tires and tubes. Money making proposition for either full or part time. Exclusive territory.—STERLINGWORTH TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY, East Liverpool, Ohio. (41)

WARNING.
WARNING—My place, four miles northwest Decatur, is posted against hunting, peccan gathering and trespassing of any kind, and the public is warned to take due notice of same.—M. L. WATTS. (41)

FOUND.
FOUND—Brown heifer calf about 18 months old; white in flank, left ear underbit and right ear split. The animal has been in my pasture about five weeks.—J. T. POTEET, north of Decatur. (42)

Making Next Year's Cotton crop Should Begin Now—

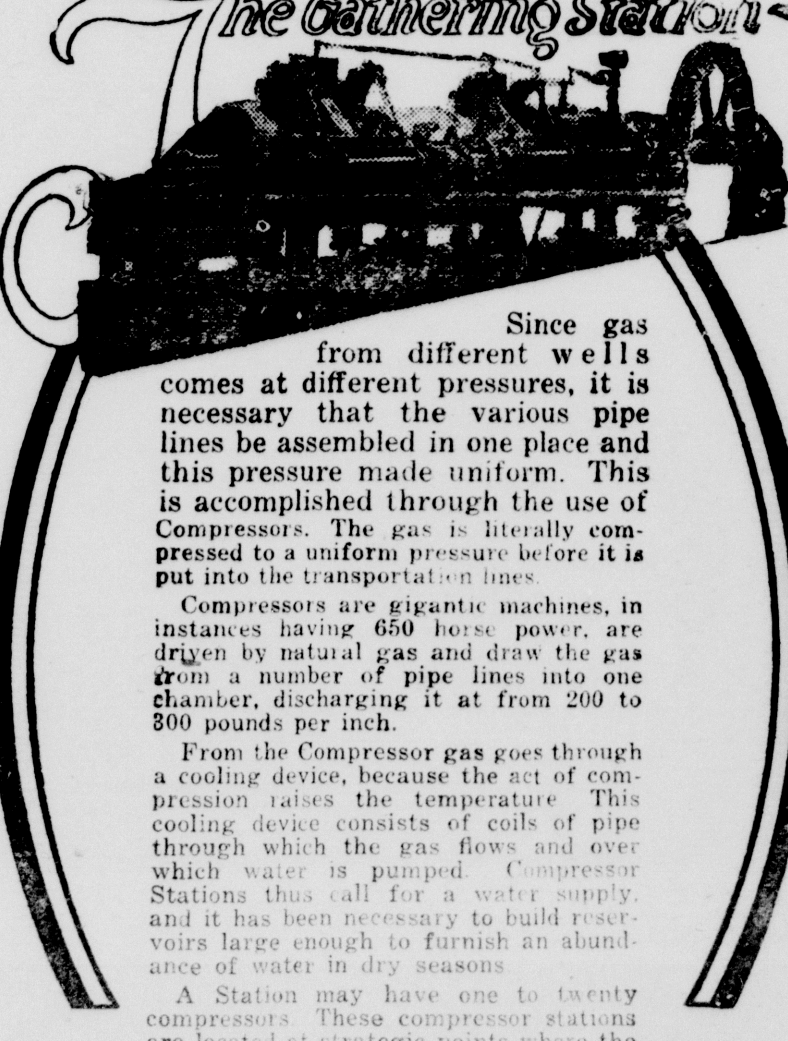
Rains and cooler weather have contributed much to the multiplication of a fat crop of boll weevils that are infesting the plants and living on the fresh young growth at this time. These weevils will go into winter quarters in fine shape and emerge next spring to reproduce themselves 1275 times to the pair. But the potential injury may be enormously decreased by following the recommended plan of the experts, which is that of turning the plants under after the cotton has been picked at a time which should antequate the first appearance of frost by at least a week or ten days. The weevil feeds on nothing but cotton and being deprived of his natural food for several days before his natural time of hibernation leads to his starvation and death.

The probability is that unless farmers act promptly and quickly an enormous number of the pest will come out next spring to attack the crops. Small results will be served by acting individually. The work must be done by the collective action of the neighborhood. So start a movement in your neighborhood to plow under the plants as quickly as possible.

This movement is suggested in the interest of the welfare of the whole community.

—We pay interest on time deposits.

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—\$60,000.00 Capital—



Since gas comes at different pressures, it is necessary that the various pipe lines be assembled in one place and this pressure made uniform. This is accomplished through the use of Compressors. The gas is literally compressed to a uniform pressure before it is put into the transportation lines.

Compressors are gigantic machines, in instances having 650 horse power, are driven by natural gas and draw the gas from a number of pipe lines into one chamber, discharging it at from 200 to 300 pounds per inch.

From the Compressor gas goes through a cooling device, because the act of compression raises the temperature. This cooling device consists of coils of pipe through which the gas flows and over which water is pumped. Compressor Stations thus call for a water supply, and it has been necessary to build reservoirs large enough to furnish an abundance of water in dry seasons.

A Station may have one to twenty compressors. These compressor stations are located at strategic points where the inflow of gas may be taken with the least mileage in pipe lines, and where the gas may be delivered to the best advantage.

Inasmuch as pools of gas may fail, it is sometimes necessary to move these stations—an expensive process—for the engines weigh from 30 to 60 tons each, and with the complicated systems of pipes and water a huge plant.

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A Full Line of School Supplies Just
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Plenty of 6 per cent money to loan
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MEAT AND BREAD!
S. L. Leonard
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FOR SALE
One French Burr corn mill; cost
\$375.00 new; will take \$50.00.
One eight-inch steel Burr feed mill,
will take \$20.00. Also Ford en-
gine, \$15.00.
—Phone or write—
E. C. TROXELL
Rhome, Texas.

RHOME PAGE

Rhome News.

A Fairchild was in Fort Worth on
business Monday.

L. R. Randolph made a business
trip to Dallas Tuesday.
Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Russell and
children were in Fort Worth Sunday.
J. R. Knowles made a quick busi-
ness trip to Denton Monday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Douglas made
a business trip to Dallas last Tues-
day.

Mrs. M. W. Burch of Decatur, was
a recent guest of her mother, Mrs.
Sue Shaw.

Mrs. G. W. Griffith of Decatur,
was in Rhome on business one day
last week.

Professor Charles Sparks returned
last week from a two weeks' stay in
Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ne Smith are
guests of relatives in Fort Worth for
a few days.

Miss Nona De Witt of Fort Worth,
was guest in the P. T. Gribble home
last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Payne and
family were in Fort Worth last Fri-
day afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Meter and
family left Sunday for a motor trip
to West Texas.

Charlie Morris, Sim Kelly and Ed
Sullivan left first part of the week
for West Texas.

Dr. Zack Bobo of Fort Worth, was
Sunday guest of his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Z. B. Bobo.

Miss Thelma Gribble, who is at-
tending Texas Woman's College, was
home for Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Rogers of New-
ark, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.
A. George Sunday.

J. P. Bowlin of Lamesa, was a
visitor in the home of Mrs. M. E.
Van Meter recently.

J. T. Oxford and Miss Lela Leach
of Springtown, were Saturday guests
of Mrs. J. A. Clark.

Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Payne were
down from Decatur Sunday, visiting
Mrs. L. W. Renshaw.

Mrs. C. E. Shaw and Miss Gladys
Troxell sent last Friday morning in
Fort Worth shopping.

Olen Ward of Trenton, Tennessee,
arrived last week for a visit with
relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Taylor and
little son were business visitors at
Decatur last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Slimp and fam-
ily of Fort Worth, spent last week-
end with relatives here.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Russell and
Mrs. T. L. Green were Decatur visi-
tors one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lokey and sons spent
last Sunday at Newark, in the homes
of Oliver and Lloyd Hiatt.

Dick Seely leaves this week for
Chehalis, Washington, to make his
home with his sister, Mrs. Hays.

Miss Maggie Morris is making an
extended visit with her sister, Mrs.
Charles Rowland of Fort Worth.

Miss Zella Gribble of Farmer's
Commercial College, Fort Worth, was
the week-end guest of her parents.

Dr. Ney Neal of Mangum, Okla-
homa, has been guest of relatives
here and at Fort Worth for the past
week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Childress, Mr.
and Mrs. P. T. Gribble and Miss Oma-
dell Sparks were in Fort Worth one
day last week.

Misses Eula Mae Renshaw, Ger-
trude Horton and Florence Boob of
Decatur Baptist College, spent the
week-end at home.

Mrs. C. Hays of Chehalis, Wash-
ington, who has been visiting rela-
tives here for several weeks, has re-
turned to her home.

Martin Brown and family of New-
ark, are moving to Rhome this week.
They are located in the Horton resi-
dence in south town.

Mrs. H. H. Capton of Pound
Creek, Alabama, arrived Monday for
a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Len Ran-
dolph and other relatives.

Misses Ollie Smith, Essie Willis and
Cora Oates, who are employees of a
wholesale firm in Fort Worth, spent
last week-end with their parents.

Roy Reynolds was in Weatherford
several days last week visiting his
grandmother, who is at the ripe old
age of one hundred and four years.

Miss Edna Mae Knowles, student
in Texas State Teachers' College at
Denton, spent last week-end with her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Knowles.

Charles Sparks will leave Wednes-
day to lead the singing in a meeting
at Mertens. Revs. Donna and Conner
of Seminary Hill, will conduct the
meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Watkins and
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McGhee visited
Miss Loretta McGhee and G. C. Wat-
kins at Decatur Baptist College last
Wednesday.

To date, Tuesday, October 9th,
sixteen hundred and twenty bales of
cotton have been turned out by our
local gin. The season's total will be
at least two thousand bales.

Miss Mildred Samuels, who was
reported to have been in Fort Worth
for an operation last week, was car-
ried to Harris' sanitarium on Sunday,
where she underwent a successful
operation for appendicitis.

A few among many who attended
the circus at Fort Worth Monday
were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Slimp, W. E.
McGhee and son, Clinton, Paul and
Bill Troxell, Mr. and Mrs. C. W.
Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mc-
Glothlin and children, Ervin Watkins,
I. R. Williams and wife, Mrs. J. G.
Cox and sons, Mr. and Mrs. J. W.
Russell, Luther Benton, Miss Cassie
Fry Russell, Mr. and Mrs. L. R.
Douglas, Marguerite Green, Mr. and
Mrs. J. A. Clark, Misses Lillian and
Lena Rickman and Varina Powell,
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reynolds and
Bennie Clark.

School Notes.

A weenie roast is planned for the
high school for Friday night.

This is examination week and every
one is preparing to do his very best
on the first exam of the term.

Our girls say they are going to
make some one play to win the Wise
county championship in volley ball
this year.

Those who missed chapel exercises
Monday certainly missed a treat for
Miss Rickman's room rendered a very
splendid program.

The Mother's Club had a most
interesting program last Friday after-
noon. We appreciate the co-opera-
tion given us by this club.

We have a new pupil in the tenth
grade this week, Ovid Reid from
Aurora, who was one of Mr. William-
son's pupils when he taught there.

A literary society was organized
last Friday, October 5th, which will
meet every two weeks to render a
program. Everybody is invited to
attend.

Mrs. Effie Price, county superin-
tendent, visited the school on a tour
of inspection Thursday and gave us
a good word in regard to the work
being done.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Misses
Lillian and Lena Rickman, Powell
and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McGlothlin
attended the circus at Fort Worth
Monday night.

Several pupils attended the circus
on Monday at Fort Worth. We are
glad to see this, for there is nothing
more educational for school children
than a circus.

The enrollment has reached one
hundred and twenty, or eighty-four
per cent of all scholars, to date.
We expect one hundred per cent en-
rollment soon.

Friday night a number of pupils,
with Mrs. Williamson, met at the
home of Misses Fay and Bessie
Whitehead made candy and had a
general good time.

The state health nurse will be here
this week examining the children for
defective eyes, adenoids, etc., and
looking after the general health con-
ditions of the school.

Officers of the literary society are
as follows: President, Millard Hor-
ton; vice president, Sam Roberts;
secretary, Sue Ella Van Meter; critic,
Mr. Williamson; tellers, Irvin Wat-
kins and Okie Sparks.

Miss Jewell Taylor, our home de-
monstration agent for Wise county,
will be at Rhome school Friday after-
noon at four o'clock. Refreshments
will be served, and plans discussed
for installing a hot lunch program.
Everybody is invited to come, espe-
cially the mothers.

Douglasville News.

School will open at Douglasville
on Monday, October 15th.

Richard Byron visited with Her-
bert Norton last Sunday.

Ruth Norman enrolled as a student
in the Rhome school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Douglas spent
Sunday with H. S. Ford and family.

Misses Melba and Edith Ford were
week-end visitors at Rhome.

Miss Jessye Willis of Fort Worth,
spent Saturday night and Sunday
with her parents here.

A large crowd from this commu-
nity was present at the trades day in
Rhome Saturday, and as usual en-
joyed the day very much.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKee of Dido,
were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A.
Lisby last Sunday.

Walter Looney, who has been in
Corsicana working several months,
has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Brammer of
Rhome, visited at J. M. Brammer's
last Sunday.

Martin Brown has moved with his
family to Rhome, where he will work
on the county road.

Edgar Harwell was a visitor of
friends here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. L. R. Randolph and daugh-
ters, Misses Thelma and Jewell, have
been visiting relatives here.

Miss Gertrude Alexander was guest
of Mrs. Sid McGoodwin Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. White spent
a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. M.
Holt Sunday evening.

Lodge Directory.

Stated meeting of Rhome lodge,
A. F. & A. M. No. 1159, second Sat-
urday night of each month. Visitors
invited. J. R. SLAGLE, W. M.
A. B. VAN METER, Sec'y.

Trades Day.

Our trades day program was car-
ried out to a "ty" on Saturday, Octo-
ber 6th. There were large crowds at
all performances. There were forty-
eight dollars in cash prizes given
away. The rodeo was the best ever
seen in Rhome. Bronco riders from
other towns were on the ground to
compete for the prizes, as some of
our home talent were disqualified by
letting the horses throw them over
the fence.

It was decided by unanimous vote
to continue our trades day through-
out the year and enlarge the pro-
gram. Come November 3rd.

Fairview News.

A. M. Denman will soon leave us
to make his home in Nolan county.

J. W. Lewis is rearing to move on
a farm on Denton creek.

Will Layfield and a new Ford car
are being seen in the Fairview com-
munity these days.

Colonel J. F. Thurmond is having
golden dreams about the Keystone
again.

Misses Elsie Robinson and Lillie
Bridges are the teachers of the Fair-
view school this year.

Bud Thurmond is taking a great
interest in the Midway school. We
think gasoline sells cheaper at the
Midway station.

Parent-Teachers.

The regular meeting of the Parent-
Teachers' Association on last Friday
afternoon was well attended and the
program was most instructive and
enjoyable. Special mention should
be made of the roll call discussion,
"My reason for using milk." The
food value of milk was thoroughly
explained by some of the teachers
and much valuable information was
received from this one subject.

Following the program an enthu-
siastic business meeting was held.
Mrs. John C. Cox was elected vice
president. A program committee was
appointed, composed of Misses Lena
Rickman, Varina Powell and Mrs.
Williamson.

The club voted to affiliate with the
Texas congress of Parent-Teachers'
Association, which will enable the
local club, among other privileges,
to work up some splendid programs
with the material furnished by this affilia-
tion.

An entertainment is being planned
for Hallowe'en to be given in the
high school building. As Hallowe'en
comes on Wednesday the entertain-
ment will be given on the Friday
evening previous. Further announce-
ment will be made later.

Every patron of the school is con-
stantly being solicited to become a
member of the local Parent-Teachers'
Association. If not an active mem-
ber, give your moral and financial
support.

Church Notes.

Baptist Church.

We had seventy-nine in Sunday
school with good interest. At eleven
o'clock Rev. J. L. Ward of Decatur
preached a splendid sermon which
was greatly appreciated by our peo-
ple. We are always glad to have
Brother Ward with us. A seven p. m.
we had a fine song service conducted
by Charles and John Sparks. This
was a feast to everyone present.

The sunbeam and junior bands met
as usual in afternoon. The juniors
are studying a missionary book which
holds their entire interest.

Our work seems to be moving
along nicely.

Aurora News.

Miss Minnie Slimp was the guest
of friends in Boyd Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Butler were
Fort Worth visitors Monday.

Some of our people attended the
circus in Fort Worth last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Simmons and
family were in Fort Worth Monday.

Paul and Miss Mary Jo Troxell of
Rhome, were Sunday guests of Mr.
and Mrs. J. D. Burch.

J. M. Brammer and family are
planning to move to Rhome this
week. They have purchased a home
there.

Aurora went to Rhome Saturday
to attend trades day, and is always
the case, everybody enjoyed Rhome's
hospitality.

Misses Jessie Willis, Cora Oates
and Ollie Smith of Fort Worth, were
Saturday and Sunday guests of home-
folks and friends here.

School began at 7:30 place Monday
with a fair attendance, notwithstand-
ing the vast amount of field work yet
to be done. Mrs. Bell Shults of
Greenwood, and Miss Gladys Troxell
of Rhome, are our able and efficient
teachers this year. Prospects for a
good school year are very bright.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dacus gave a
party Saturday night to the young
folks. After many favorite games
had been played, the guests were
assembled in the dining room, where
a good old-fashioned candy drawing
took place. The party was a great
success. The young folks all ex-
pressed a desire to have another one
soon.

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